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In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, the attention of the Patent and Trademark Office is hereby directed to the references listed on the attached form PTO-1449. It is respectfully requested that the references be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application, and that the references be made of record therein and appear

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The reference EP 0 940 865 A2 was cited in a corresponding Canadian application office action and its relevance discussed therein. A copy of the Canadian Office Action is attached for the Examiner's information. Please note that the reference JP 10-270042 has been previously cited in a U.S. Office Action mailed on July, 25, 2008.

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